on starvation deaths of tribal children in several States particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) had received complaints alleging deaths due to starvation in the States of Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, during the years 1993, 2000, 2002 and 2003 respectively. In the case of Orissa, the NHRC has recommended an action plan for implementation in the affected areas. The NHRC is also monitoring the progress of implementation of the action plan. Copies of the progress reports received from the State Government of Orissa are also being sent to the Supreme Court by the NHRC periodically. In the case of Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the NHRC has called for reports from the State Governments. In the case of Madhya Pradesh, the NHRC has closed the case after receiving a detailed report from the State Government denying allegation of deaths due to starvation.

Trafficking in Narcotics along LoC

1589. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the raids carried out in the first week of September, 2003 in Jammu and Kashmir revealed that Pakistan basses terrorists organisation Jaish-e-Mohammad is financing operations by trafficking in Narcotics across the line of actual control;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection and whether it was a part of big smuggling network of narcotics being operated in different parts of the country; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The J and K Police has informed that during the month of September, 2003 the J and K Police has seized some opium, charas, brown sugar and intoxicating drugs from various places

in the State. Some of these recoveries made from persons who have affiliation with terrorist outfits including Jaish-e-Mohammad (JEM). It is a fact that the terrorists especially foreign mercenaries of LET and JEM are indulging in smuggling of narcotic substances and drugs in order to sustain themselves in the State. Besides, such drugs are also being consumed by these terrorists.

In one such instance of 8th September 2003, the security forces during an encounter and search operation in District Kupwara, recovered some quantity of brown sugar besides arms and ammunition from a slain terrorist.

The police have registered 15 cases under relevant Sections of Law on this account during the month of September.

Pakistan's complicity in hijacking of IC-814

1590. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that new facts have come to light wherein Pakistan's complicity in hijacking of Indian Airlines flight IC-814 from Kathmandu to Delhi on 24th December, 1999 has been established positively;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to make this fact known to the international community; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) During the investigation of the case pertaining of hijacking of IC-814 from Kathmandu on 24th December, 1999, it was disclosed that all the five hijackers were Pakistani nationals. It was also disclosed that two other Pakistanis participated in the criminal conspiracy to hijack this aircraft. Accused Abdul Latif, who is in judicial custody had also disclosed that he was trained in Pakistan. The main objective of hijacking was release of Maulana Masood Azhar from Indian Jail. All the seven Pakistani accused persons against whom charge sheet was laid by the CBI are absconding.